AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A data management system, comprising:

a first communication terminal including:

a first content data storage which stores a first content data; and

a first related data storage which stores a first related data corresponding to the first content data; and

a second communication terminal including:

a second content data storage which stores a second content data; and

a second related data storage which stores the first related data received from the first communication terminal through a network and a second related data corresponding to the second content data.

2. (Original) The data management system according to claim 1, further comprising:

the first communication terminal updates the first related data based upon receiving a related data from the other communication terminal;

the first communication terminal sends the updated first related data to the second communication terminal as an upper level communication terminal connected to the first communication terminal; and

the second communication terminal updates the second related data stored in the second related data storage based upon the updated first related data from the first communication terminal, whereby

the other related data stored in the other communication terminal is stored in the first communication terminal, as well as in the second communication terminal.

3. (Original) The data management system according to claim 1, wherein:

the first communication terminal includes a plurality of communication terminals connected in parallel to the second communication terminal through the network.

4. (Original) The data management system according to claim 1, wherein:

the first communication terminal includes a plurality of communication terminals connected in series to the second communication terminal through the network.

5. (Original) The data management system according to claim 1, wherein:

a communication between the first communication terminal and the second communication terminal is performed by wireless connections.

6. (Original) The data management system according to claim 1, wherein:

a communication between the first communication terminal and the second communication terminal is performed by wired connections.

7. (Original) A data management system, comprising:

a group of a plurality of communication terminals connected with each other; and

a browsing communication terminal to be connected to one communication terminal of the group, wherein:

the browsing communication terminal is connected to an uppermost level communication terminal of the group through the one communication terminal and a communication terminal between the one communication terminal and the uppermost level communication terminal;

the browsing communication terminal retrieves a related data corresponding to a desired content data from the related data stored in the uppermost communication terminal to identify a communication terminal of the group which stores the desired content data; and

the browsing communication terminal communicates with the identified communication terminal to receive the desired content data, and then plays back the desired content data.

8. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) A communication terminal, comprising:

a content data storage to store content data; and

a related data storage to store the related data corresponding to the content data;

a communication section to send and receive the related data with other communication terminals;

a control section to control the communication section wherein:

the control section, when the other communication terminal is connected to the communication terminal, updates the related data stored in the related data storage, and transmits the updated related data to an upper level communication terminal by controlling the communication section.

12. (Original) The communication terminal as defined in claim 11, wherein:

the control section includes a dependence information memory section to store information whether or not the another communication terminal is connected to the communication terminal.

13. (Original) A communication terminal, comprising:

a related data storage to store related data corresponding to a content data;

an input section to input retrieval information of the desired content data for browsing;

a related data retrieval section to retrieve the related data stored in the related data storage based on the retrieval information; and

a browsing section to browse the content data corresponding to related data retrieved by the related data retrieval section.

14. (Original) A communication terminal, comprising:

a related data storage to store related data corresponding to a content data;

an input section to input retrieval information of the desired content data for browsing;

a related data retrieval section to retrieve the related data stored in the related data storage based on the retrieval information;

a browsing section to browse the content data corresponding to related data retrieved by the related data retrieval section;

a communication section to receive the content data and the related data through a network; and

a control section to control the communication of the content data based on the retrieved related data.

15. (Original) The communication terminal according to claim 13, wherein:

the browsing section connects by peer-to-peer to a communication terminal to store the content data through the network.

16. - 20. (Canceled)